



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, many citizens of Tennessee use the Internet to keep in contact with family and friends, manage their finances, buy goods and services and get the latest news; and

WHEREAS, the primary and secondary schools of Tennessee use the Internet to enhance the education of our youth by providing them access to online educational and research materials; and

WHEREAS, the use of information technology at institutions of higher education is integral in teaching and learning, research and discovery, and outreach and service; and

WHEREAS, public libraries provide access to networked computers, online databases, and other resources to the public; and

WHEREAS, businesses of Tennessee use information systems and networks to manage their businesses and expand their customer reach; and

WHEREAS, critical sectors are increasingly reliant on information systems to support financial services, energy, telecommunications, transportation, health care, and emergency response systems; and

WHEREAS, Internet users and our information infrastructure face an increasing threat of malicious attack by viruses and loss of privacy from spyware and adware; and

WHEREAS, each year there are significant financial and personal privacy losses due to identity theft and fraud; and

WHEREAS, the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC) was established in January 2003 to provide a collaborative mechanism to help states enhance cyber security; and

WHEREAS, there are national organizations, such as the non-profit National Cyber Security Alliance (NCSA), policymakers, government agencies, private sector companies, and non-profit entities helping consumers, businesses, educational leaders and our youth to protect themselves online; and

WHEREAS, each one of us plays an important role in securing our cyberspace. Awareness of computer security essentials will improve the security of Tennessee information infrastructure and economy; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center and the National Cyber Security Alliance have declared October as National Cyber Security Awareness Month;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Phil Bredesen, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2008 as

CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Tennessee and encourage all the citizens of this State to learn about cyber security and put that knowledge into practice in their homes, schools, work places, and businesses.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this 12th day of August, 2008.

Phil Bredesen

Governor

Rebecca A. Arnold

Secretary of State

